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QUALITY IRIS

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FAIRY GARDENS

NAPOLEON, OHIO

Varieties listed are the very best intermediate and quite early varieties that have passed the Fairy Gardens' test. Varieties bloom about in rotation as listed. Most sorts are Super Iris for their very early season. Don't be misled by their low price.

Zwanenberg	-----	\$.35	*Queen Flavia	-----	.35
*Soledad	-----	.35	Ariel	-----	.50
***Kochli	-----	.35	*Zua	-----	.35
***Florentina Alba	-----	.35	Mad Gaudichau	-----	.40
**Firmament	-----	.35	Ballerine	-----	.65
Nymph	-----	2.50	**Gold Crest	-----	.35
Yellow Hammer	-----	.35			

Note—* ** *** denote the number of extra roots given.

MEDIUM EARLY

Bloom about in rotation as listed. Many are Super Iris for their season. Don't be misled by their low price.

*Bluet	-----	.35	Yellow Moon	-----	.75
Crusader	-----	.35	*Regan	-----	.35
Kalos	-----	.65	Magnifica	-----	.35
Mary Gibson	-----	.65	Mrs. Tinley (Bliss)	-----	.50
*Ma Mle	-----	.35	*Ute Chief	-----	.35
*Lady Foster	-----	.35	Wm. Mohr	-----	5.00
Pioneer	-----	1.00	Lady Chas. Allem	-----	.50
Mary Barnett	-----	3.00	Mrs. H. F. Bowls	-----	.65

* denotes extra root given.

NEW AND SCARCE VARIETIES

With a few exceptions all varieties in this list are Super Iris for their type, color or season. There are reasons good and plenty why some sorts are not in this select list.

Asia	-----	1.00	L'Algon	-----	5.00
*Ann Page	-----	.65	Midgard	-----	5.00
Arlotte	-----	1.25	Morning Splendor	-----	1.00
Bruno	-----	4.00	Mildred Presby	-----	.75
Bonita	-----	1.00	Mea	-----	3.00
Coronation	-----	4.00	*Mystic	-----	.50
Caroline E. Stringer	-----	.75	Mestor	-----	1.00
Chartier	-----	3.50	Mrs. Robert Emmet	-----	5.00
Cinnabar	-----	5.50	Mme. Cecil Bouscant	-----	2.50
Crimson Glow	-----	1.50	Mrs. A. S. Hoyt	-----	2.00
Duke of Bedford	-----	2.50	Majenta	-----	15.00
Detail	-----	2.50	Princess Osra	-----	1.25
El Capitan	-----	2.50	Purple Haze (medium size)	-----	2.00
Elsa	-----	3.00	*Princess Beatrice	-----	.40
*Frieda Mohr	-----	5.00	Phie D'err	-----	35.00
Firefall	-----	2.00	Robert W. Wallace	-----	2.25
Gaviata	-----	.40	Romala (medium size)	-----	2.00
Gold Imperial	-----	.65	Rose Saitherne	-----	.50
Geo. Yeld	-----	1.00	Sensation	-----	4.50
Germaine Perthuis	-----	2.75	Silver Ribbon	-----	.40
Gargantau	-----	2.00	*Susan Bliss	-----	.35
Horizon	-----	2.50	Simene Valsslere	-----	1.00
*Jaquiline Gullet	-----	.75	Sir Michael	-----	18.00
Jubilee	-----	.65	San Francisco	-----	12.00
*Kashmir White	-----	.50	Trestinger	-----	2.50
King Karl	-----	1.50	True Charm	-----	.50
Lona	-----	1.50	27th Averel	-----	1.00
Le Corregge	-----	5.00	Zulu	-----	5.00

* varieties include one root extra

Note—Special prices on three of a variety and collections.

TRUE UP YOUR IRIS

Some customers have been so well pleased in securing all varieties true that the next season I was entrusted with their orders for Peonies. Others were so delighted in obtaining what they ordered that they sent me an order for varieties that they thought they had, but not being sure of some sorts, gave me an order for these in order to true up their collection.

THE BEST VARIETY

Princess Beatrice is recognized by the most experienced Iris growers as the very best of the varieties of Pallida Dalmatica. Some years before over half of the present day growers know what an Iris was, my original stock was purchased from the Martin Kohankie Nurseries.

THE TRUE QUILL

The true Princess Beatrice can be recognized by the extra wide flaring falls the ends of which pucker up slightly and a slight pinkish scintillating reflection in center of fall. The Princess always comes a fine color and for this reason alone could stand a higher rating.

NOTE—Except noted. All quotations in first price column are for largest super size Mother Rhizomes.

under \$15.00.

SIBERIAN IRIS

Are extra fine for cutting and massing and a few varieties should be in every garden. Perry's Blue is early. Other varieties bloom after most of the later bearded Iris are gone. The varieties in this list are the cream of all the Siberians.

	1st	2nd
Perry's Blue, wonderful sky blue	.50	.30
Emperor, dark purple blue	.50	.30
Blue King, fine intense blue	.40	.25
Kingfisher Blue, similar to Perry's Blue, but has larger flowers and longer stems	1.50	1.00

Note—First size will have 6 to 7 strong stems. Second size will have 3 to 4 strong stems.

THE BEST IN THE WORLD

I am not the only grower who sends out good Iris roots but I will make the broad claim of sending out the best and giving the most painstaking Iris service in the world.

Good Fine and Extra Fine
STANDARD IRIS

Varieties in this list are the very cream of the old timers, older sorts and newer varieties now low in price. These Irises are the backbone of every fine Iris collection and beginners and others should buy most of them first of all. Rely on Fairy Gardens selections.

***Anrera	*Dream	Prosper
Argynnis	*E. H. Jenkins	**Prosper Laugier
*Ambassadeur	Flammenswert	Parc D' Neuilly
**Archeveque	*Her Majesty	Pink Mad. Cherau
Balaruc	*Isoline	**Quaker Lady
Beau Ideal	**Lohengrin	*Queen Caterina
*B. Y. Morrison	Marsh Marlgold	Rhine Traube
Chasseur	**Massasolt	**Rhine Nixie
**Corrida	Jean Cheverau	*Vie Grandiflora
**Col. Candelot	Susan Bliss	*Yvonne Pelletier
Dalilla	*Seminole	Valery Mayet
*Dusky Maid	Sweet Lavender	

Stars denote the number of extra roots given.

Price of above sorts 35c each.

SUPER MOTHER ROOTS

Are offered to quality buyers who are willing to pay a little bit more for the utmost in blooming size roots that money will buy. Extra money cannot buy happiness, but it will come close to it if a little bit more is used to buy Super size Mother Iris roots from Fairy Gardens.

DEFINITION OF SIZES

First size Super-Mother rhizom, a broad, thick, heavy single root, generally with 3, 4 or more babies attached. 95% should bloom the first season. The very best buy if only one of a variety is purchased. Most certain to bloom and having more babies gives the utmost increase.

Note 1--Only a limited number of super roots available every season. After these are sold I give 2 second size, except higher and high priced sorts, when one 2nd size is given and difference in price is refunded.

Note 2--Roots shipped during the summer will not show any babies until some growth has been made in the fall.

NOT DIVISIONS

My super size Iris roots are not divisions, except sometimes when an extra large root that is up to grade is found on the outside of a clump. Most of my largest size Mother roots were transplanted a year ago and were second size when planted. It must be admitted that such roots are almost certain to bloom the first season.

A GOOD TEST

Rather late one fall I planted 35 Princess Beatrice and 25 Isoline in blooming size roots. 30 of the Princess bloomed and 20 Isoline. Certainly a very good showing for supposed shy bloomers. It is significant that these roots bloomed after fall planting. Moral. Plant blooming size Iris roots from Fairy Gardens.

A Convincing Illustration

This Spring some Super-size Mother Rhizomes of Ballerine and Gaudichau were left over from Spring sales. After replanting every root bloomed. These two are slow growers and some sent out need another years growth, *Fairy Gardens Super-size Mother Rhizomes bloom because they are matured and have the age.*

WHO CAN ANSWER?

It seems that slow growing Iris are more certain to bloom if not planted early but planted later on. Note under "A convincing illustration" how well some Spring planted roots bloomed. The previous summer some roots from this same row were shipped to a Detroit estate early in the season, all roots especially selected and not one bloomed. It seems that slow growing Iris should have time to form bloom buds before transplanting. Let someone give a better answer.

A REMARKABLE SHOWING

A year after 25 more Ballerine were sold this Detroit estate and the roots shipped early in September. The next season 23 of these roots bloomed certainly a remarkable showing for an Iris said to be a shy bloomer (shy from shy roots.) This conclusively proves that at least the slower growing Iris should not be planted early. Don't forget that when this fact is generally accepted, that it was first proven by *Fairy Gardens.*

THEY CANNOT GET BY

Few, if any, of the slower growers will bloom from yearling fresh green so-called rhizomes. Stocks of slow growers are often small and blooming size roots are smaller still, and as quite a number of slow growers are higher in price, no grower can afford to give an extra root to make up for lack of size, but they can refund part of the purchase price, which is the Fairy Gardens way. Most growers "keep still" when a higher priced or high priced undersized root is sent out or think that they can throw dust in the eyes of the buyer by giving an extra root of a cheaper or fast grower and leave it go at that. Such camouflage will not let them get by, and eventually all such stinger growers will be forced to disgorge or fork over their attempted ill gotten gains by *Fairy Gardens* intelligent way of doing business.

WHAT DOES IT AVAIL

To save 15c, 25c, 35c, 50c or a dollar or more on half grown under-sized yearling fresh green so-called rhizomes and lose the first year's bloom or the gain of greater increase from Super size two year Mother real rhizomes. Why take a chance on disappointment? Is it worth while? Why not try Fairy Gardens best-by-test real blooming size Iris roots?

IN THE MAKING

For at least a year more Fairy Gardens will not be attractive except when flowers are in bloom. The grounds are churned up like a battlefield. In two or three years Fairy Gardens will be one of the best places to study Iris. No commonplace varieties will be found.

Early Iris Supremacy

FIRMAMENT

ABOVE ALL

HISTORY OF FIRMAMENT

Twenty-five years ago when I commenced to study and collect Irises this finest of all very early blue varieties was discovered at the Old Homestead (now a memory) in a clump of Florentina Alba. Even at that time when I did not have the power of discrimination that has been acquired since, it impressed me as being extra fine. So it was removed and planted away by itself as a treasure to be guarded against any possible loss; and everyone who buys Firmament will guard it when it is considered that it is invested with some romance.

Every year as it bloomed again I was impressed by the beautiful light blue standard and dark violet blue of the falls set off by the good sized bright orange beard. Visitors would remark what a beautiful thing it was. Eventually the plants increased so much that they were removed to an open field, planted along side and between the rows of other blue and purple varieties. This one was singled out for special praise by visitors; often it was noticed from the roadway and people came in to see such a beautiful Iris.

Having sold a quantity of Firmament in Detroit, I bargained for some plants there to replenish my stock and made a special trip to mark the plants while they were still in bloom so that there would not be any possibility of getting somewhere else. Upon my arrival I had the Iris surprise of my life. Firmament was of such size, coloration and beauty that I had not seen excelled by any other light blue variety in my travels, nor in any of my own early lighter blue sorts.

The Detroit Firmament had finer blooms than my own plants bore for the reason that they were planted in richer soil. Never in my life did I see such Iris blooms as I saw at the Detroit estate. Firmament was given my new Iris as a name that would fittingly describe its beauty. There are other Irises more beautiful among the later sorts, but among the very early blue varieties Firmament is supreme.

All Over the Land

East & West

North & South

Firmament Has Made Good

The Verdict

Canada--Firmament is very fine; very good bloomer.

Texas--Firmament does exceptionally well in this climate.

N. Y.--Firmament is great. For an early Iris it is a wonder.

Ky.--The Iris Firmament should have been named "The Orchid."

Mich.--Seen in a clump in the sun, it's name is more than justified.

Ohio--Firmament is all right, only it comes so early when there are no shows.

ILL.--Enjoy your Firmament every year and have been pleased to see it establish its place when they tried so hard to knock it out.

Calif. An early season Iris of vigorous constitution; a particularly vivid and pleasing chicory blue with golden beard. Easily displaces most early blues.

The Firmament which I got from you was very fine. I am glad I have it. I had blue sports of Florentina alba of my own which I thought pretty good but they were not nearly as fine as Firmament.

"Probably the best of all Germanicas is the rich bicolor Firmament, very close to Fontrieble in type, the standard of delicate light blue and the falls of dark purple. This flower has fine form and unusual substance for an early Iris."

Ind--Every spring I think of you and the fine Iris "Firmament", that I purchased of you four years ago. It is as fine an Iris as I have in my collection of 200 varieties. One of the very earliest and attracts a great deal of attention. Send me your catalog.

BELIEVE ME OR NOT

One of the first friends I met at the Ft. Wayne Peony show was my good friend from Indiana, an attorney, who asked me if I had any more of the fine hardy pink, Gladys Cranfield, for sale.

CONFIDENCE

After reading the above in my preliminary Iris price list my friend writes me. "It was a pleasure to meet and get acquainted with you just by accident as we did at Ft. Wayne. I will have more confidence in you in the future, because I know you are sincere in your statements." Along with expression of good will was an order for 6 pinks, Gladys Cranfields and Irises, and a week later another order for Irises and stated that probably another order would be sent in when my entire list was received.

HIGHEST PRAISE

"Firmament is a good companion to Florentina and Kochii in an early flowering planting."

Florentina and Kochii are of such high quality for their very early season that both are in a class by themselves and Firmament is like-wise in a class by itself for an extremely early light blue Iris.

BLOWING MY HORN

Firmament eclipses all other early blue Irises of its season. Firmament is finer than Miranda, Gold Crest, Mad. Gaudichau, and compares favorably with Ballerine. The evidence proves Firmament to be the finest American early blue Iris, one of the Finest American Irises and among the finest Irises in existence.

THICK HEADS

The attempt of the higher-up thick heads of the Iris Society in attempting to prevent Firmament from becoming known will avail them nothing. They might just as well bump their thick craniums against a stone wall as to try and keep Firmament down. A good thing cannot be kept down, neither can a good Iris be kept down.

AN EVIL THING

The jurors of the Iris Symposium have dilly-dallied, shilly-shallied and fiddled through three Symposiums and the last one is as bad as the first. Such poor judgment and wretched, execrable taste was shown by some of the jurors that the entire jury should be discharged and a new one selected who are competent enough to rate Iris with more reason and common sense. In every Symposium some of the novelties were far over-rated and some of the older varieties that have stood the test of time were under-rated. Neither the innocent buying public or growers are protected. **Don't trust the Iris Symposium, it is an evil thing.**

THE EARLY PLANTING OBSESSION

The experience with *Ballerine* may also apply to the faster growing *Iris*. All signs point that way. Some persons are so obsessed by the notion of extreme early planting that no *Iris* roots are planted after July, certainly an obsession.

IT STANDS TO REASON

That it is not necessary to plant as early in states South from Minnesota. In the name of reason and common sense, why be governed by Northern latitude? It does stand to reason that for States 200 miles South, planting can be done a month later and another 200 miles further South a month later still.

THE CRAZE WILL DIE OUT

The stampede for extremely early planting of *Iris* will die out just as sure as the craze for planting *Peony* roots too shallow. One and a half, two and three inches deep. Until this season I stood alone in combatting this obsession.

Note—Both of these obsessions were brought into use by business men and not experienced growers.

FALL PLANTED IRIS

The experience with *Ballerine* and *Isoline* certainly proves that if blooming size roots of supposed shy bloomers and others are planted even late in the fall that they *will* make good.

Why My Selections Are The Best

Greatest possible color range through all seasons aimed to include enough lavender, blue and purple in every dozen so that "real *Iris* colors" will continue to dominate the collection as every dozen is added. This refining has been carried to such a fine point that not many will soon be obsolete. Not many changes could be made at present for new introductions except at enormous cost. It would be wisdom for anyone having a few *Irises* to buy in quantity again and again the low and moderate priced sorts emphasized, instead of buying higher priced varieties. If many are already in collections, go full steam ahead and buy to the limit. You can trust *Fairy Gardens*.

Remember

My years of experience in continually refining down to the very best only. Do you believe I would have as many undesirable sorts as some growers who have been growing *Irises* for ten, fifteen or twenty years only?

Another Reason

My plantings during all these years have been moved from one location to another three times. There is no more compelling way to make a grower eliminate.

My Answer

My concentration is the answer to new growers who boast of 300 or 500 varieties which shows inability to intelligently eliminate. At the most, 200 varieties would cover the field for some years to come.

IRISES FOR BEGINNERS

Every best dozen must be altered every year or some varieties will be as obsolete as a last years bird's nest. *Fairy Gardens* best dozen lists for beginners and others are the utmost, the last word in *Iris* selections.

1st Best Six Early—*Soledad*, *Florentina*, *Alba*, *Kochii*, *Ballerine*, *Georgia*, *Mad. Gaudichau*, *Yellow Hammer*.

Note—*Firmament* is not included in first six to allow more color range.

2nd Best Six—*Firmament*, *Gold Crest*, *Crusader*, *Zua*, *Ariel*, *Queen Flavia*.

1st Best Six Medium Early—*Ma Mie*, *Mary Gibson*, *Lady Foster*, *Regan*, *Bluet*, *Yellow Moon*.

2nd Best Six—*Magnifica*, *Kales*, *Mrs. H. F. Eowls*, *Pioneer*, *Mrs. Tinley*, *Mary Barnett*, *Lady Chas. Allen*, *Ute Chief*. If it can be afforded, *Wm. Mohr* belongs in first six.

Best Moderate Priced Late—*Lohengrin*, *Princess Beatrice*, *Dream*, *Isoline*, *Rhine Nixie*, *Quaker Lady*, *Prosper Laugier*, *Queen Caterina*, *Argynnis*, *Kashmir White*, *B. Y. Morrison*.

Best Second Dozen—*Archeveque*, *Aurora*, *Seminole*, *Ambassadeur*, *E. H. Jenkins*, *Flammenswert*, *Pink Mad*, *Cherau*, *Parc D' Nuielly*, *Yvonne Pelletier*, *Vio*, *Grandiflora*, *Rhine Traube*, *Massasoit*. Then keep right on selecting the most of standard and extra fine standard varieties and include *Gold Imperial*, *Jaqueline Guillet* now low in price and such top notchers as *Asia*, *Morning Splendor*, *Mestor*, *Simine*, *Vaissiere*. All beginners will be let off with this collection.

Note—Special price for any of above selections.

Note—Some in second dozen belong in first, but how to get them in I don't know.

Pink Satin—A much larger *Dream*. The bloom stalk I saw had one flower and two buds, no branching, and it may be such a slow grower that one cannot get one's money back. Looks like a stinger.

NOTE

There is not one "never was, has been, get rid of, unload, or close out *Iris*" in above lists. A few more would have been included but these are sold out this season.

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All orders postpaid except accomodation orders.

ACCOMODATION ORDERS

Orders for lowest cost varieties less than 75c, 25c extra for postage. Same kind of order less than one dollar, 20c extra for postage. Same kind of order less than \$1.25, 15c extra for postage. Same kind of order less than \$1.50, 10c extra for postage. Orders for higher priced *Iris* less than \$1.25, 15c extra for postage and packing.

NOTE.—Forget postage and receive smaller roots. Play safe. Don't be a forgetter.

GUARANTEE

All varieties absolutely guaranteed true to name. If a mistake is made, replacement will be made with a *large root*, not a small thing.

BUSINESS TERMS

Cash with order, except persons known to me. No credit orders under \$15.00.

Payments

Should be made out to H. W. Groschner, or *Fairy Gardens*, Napoleon, Ohio.